GUIDE TO THE ROBERT CREAMER MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION

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Collection Number: 
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Title: 
Robert Creamer Manuscript Collection

Inclusive Dates: 
1949 - 1991

Extent: 
7.4 linear feet (14 archival boxes)

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Abstract: 
This is a collection of manuscripts, correspondence, newspaper articles and audio recordings relating to seven books written by Robert Creamer.

Acquisition Information: 
This collection of manuscripts and related audio recordings was donated by Paul Ferrante in 2007.

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Processing Information: 
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Biographical Sketch: 
Robert W. Creamer, born July 14, 1922 in Tuckahoe, New York, is an American sportswriter and editor. He spent the majority of his career at Sports Illustrated.
Creamer was one of the first hired on the staff of Sports Illustrated in 1954. He served the magazine as a senior editor from inception to 1984. Creamer also wrote the weekly Scorecard section of the magazine, and wrote for the New York Times. As an author, Creamer wrote the most definitive biography of Babe Ruth published in 1974. He also appeared in the Ken Burns Film "Baseball".


Scope and Content
This is a collection of manuscripts relating to books written or co-written by Robert Creamer between 1964 and 1991. Also included is the manuscript for Babe: A Musical, co-written by James K. Harelson and lyrics by Loonis McGlohon.

This collection is organized by book title starting with the earliest publication date. These include:
- 1964 The Quality of Courage, with Mickey Mantle
- 1967 Jocko
- 1968 Rhubarb in the Catbird Seat
- 1974 Babe: The Legend Comes to Life
- 1981 Babe: A Musical
- 1984 Stengel: His Life and Times
- 1991 Baseball in ’41: A Celebration of the Best Baseball Season Ever

Separations
Photograph Archives – An 8 X 10 black-and-white photo of Robert Creamer, dated March 31, 1984.

Audio/Video Archives – MMF30 Box 14 containing the audio recordings.

Controlled Access Terms
These records are indexed under the following terms in the National Baseball Hall of Fame’s Library catalog. Researchers wishing to find related materials may wish to search under these terms.

Corporate Names
- New York Yankees
- American League
- Doubleday & Company
- J.B. Lippincott Company
- Dell Publishing Company
- Simon & Schuster
Personal Names
Creamer, Robert 1922 - 
Mantle, Mickey 1931 - 1995 
Stengel, Casey 1890 - 1975 
Ruth, Babe 1895 - 1948 
Conlan, Jocko 1899 - 1989 
Barber, Red 1908 - 1992 
Houk, Ralph 1919 – 2010

Subject Headings
Manuscript 
Research notes 
Clippings 
 Correspondence 
Sportswriters 
 Broadcaster 
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 Umpiring 

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Box 1
Quality of Courage
Folder 1 Correspondence, 1963 – 1965
 - copy of agreement
Folder 2 Chapter outline, draft of opening chapter
Folder 3 Manuscript with final edits, 1964

Jocko
Folder 4 Page proofs, Reader’s Set, March 1967

Box 2
Jocko
Folder 1 Correspondence, 1966 – 1967
Folder 2 Correspondence, J.B. Lippincott Company, 1966 – 1967
 - Publicity Itinerary, June 1967
Folder 3 Manuscript
Folder 4 Manuscript, draft pages 1 – 125, with edits
Folder 5 Manuscript, draft pages 126 – 260, with edits
Folder 6 Transcripts of taped interviews with Jocko Conlan
Folder 7 Transcripts of taped interviews with Jocko Conlan

Box 3
Rhubarb in the Catbird Seat
Folder 1 Manuscript, with edits, part a
Folder 2 Manuscript, with edits, part b
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Babe: The Legend Comes to Life
Folder 1 Manuscript, part I, I-VI, with edits
Folder 2 Manuscript, part I, chapters 15 – 17, with edits
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Folder 4 Manuscript, part II, chapters 8 – 12, with edits
Folder 5 Manuscript, part II, chapters 13 – 16, with edits

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Babe: A Musical
Folder 6 Manuscript

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Babe: A Musical
Folder 1 Manuscript, with edits
Folder 2 Manuscript, with edits, copy

Stengel: His Life and Times
Folder 3 Correspondence with Kankakee Federal Savings, copies, 1956
Folder 4 Possible Stengel obituary by Creamer and Rogers
- Sports Illustrated, 1969
Folder 5 Manuscript sent to Creamer, 1979 by Robert Daniels with correspondence, Stengel’s first pennant
"Those mighty & marvelous, mildly miraculous Mud Hens"
Folder 6 Manuscript draft with correspondence, Feb. 1982
Folder 7 Publicity tour, reviews, Jan – Mar 1984
Folder 8 Re-print of paperback agreement, Dell Publishing Co, 1984 Amendment to Oct 29, 1974 agreement, Simon & Schuster
Folder 9 Congratulatory letters, Jan – Feb 1984
- Peter Golenbock, Tom Heitz, Roger Kahn
- Bob Broeg, John Thorn
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**Stengel: His Life and Times**

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- Expense reports
- Photocopies of photos used

Folder 5  Manuscript, master copy, chapters 1 - 15
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Folder 7  Manuscript, master copy, chapters 31 - 43

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**Baseball in ’41: A Celebration of the Best Baseball Season Ever**

*Folder 1*  Manuscript proofs, pages 1 – 115, Author’s set 1
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*Folder 3*  Manuscript proofs, pages 216 – 318, Author’s set 1
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**Baseball in ’41: A Celebration of the Best Baseball Season Ever**

*Folder 1*  Manuscript, final edited version to printer, pages 1 - 146
*Folder 2*  Manuscript, final edited version to printer, pages 147 - 283
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Box 14

**Audio Collection  MMF 30**

Gil Hodges – 4” reel, no date

Casey Stengel – WBZ Radio 1080, Lemon Production, 7” reel, no date
- Ken Meyer, name listed on box

NBC – Today – Aug 16, 1974, Sports Illustrated, 7” reel

Jocko Conlan – 4 – 7” reels  April 26 – 27, 1966
May 2 & May 4, 1966
May 6, 1966
3 – 4” reels  April 25, 1966
April 28, 1966, tape 1 & 2

Baseball in ‘41
28 cassettes – notes, etc relating to the book
10 cassettes – interviews with Marvin Brewer, Branch Rickey III, Fred Opper, Buddy Hassett, Mel Allan, Buzzie Bavasi, Lee MacPhail, Rizzuto.

Season of Glory
8 cassettes – Ralph Houk reminiscing about the 1961 season
Taped December 1985 to March 1986